

GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 12 Freedom in Christ

Galatians 5:1-6

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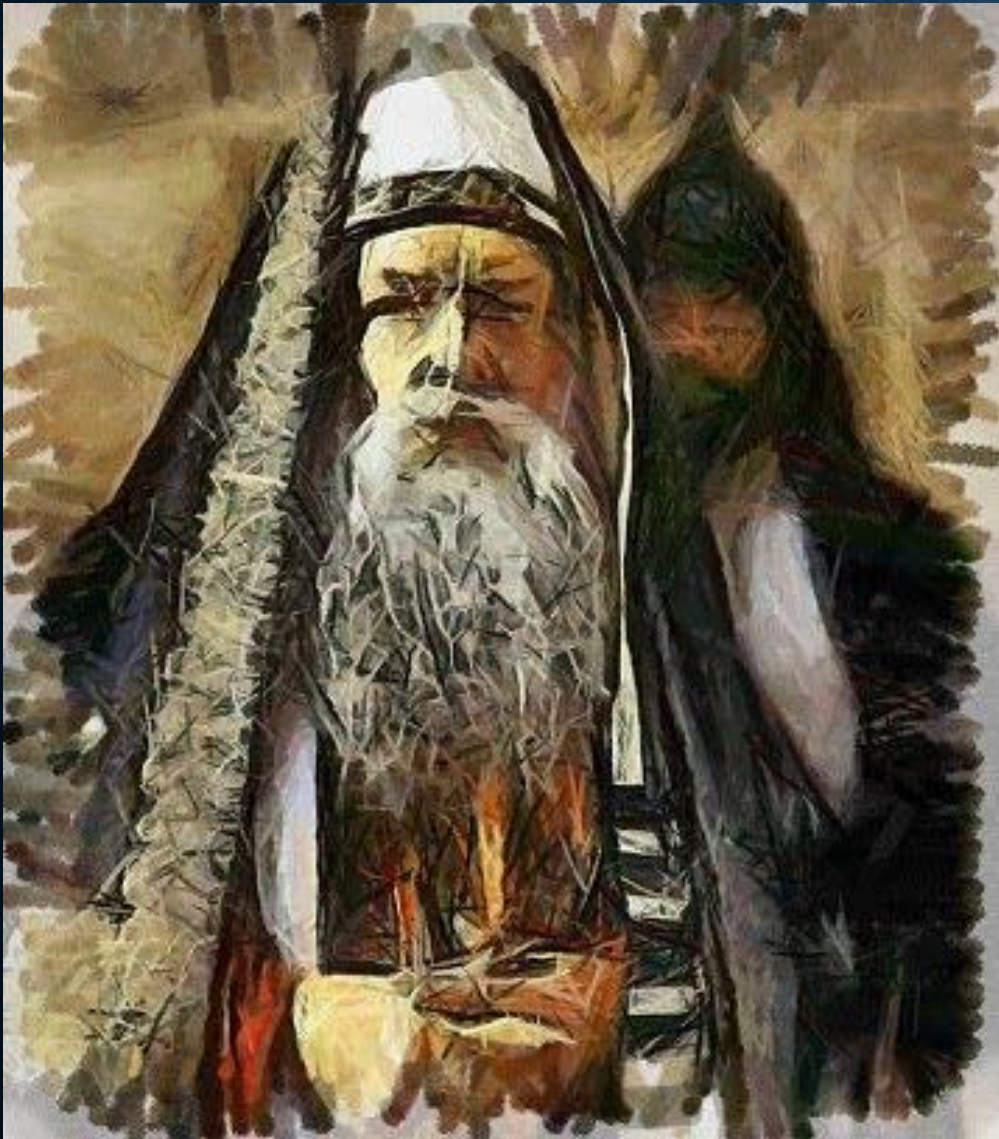
1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

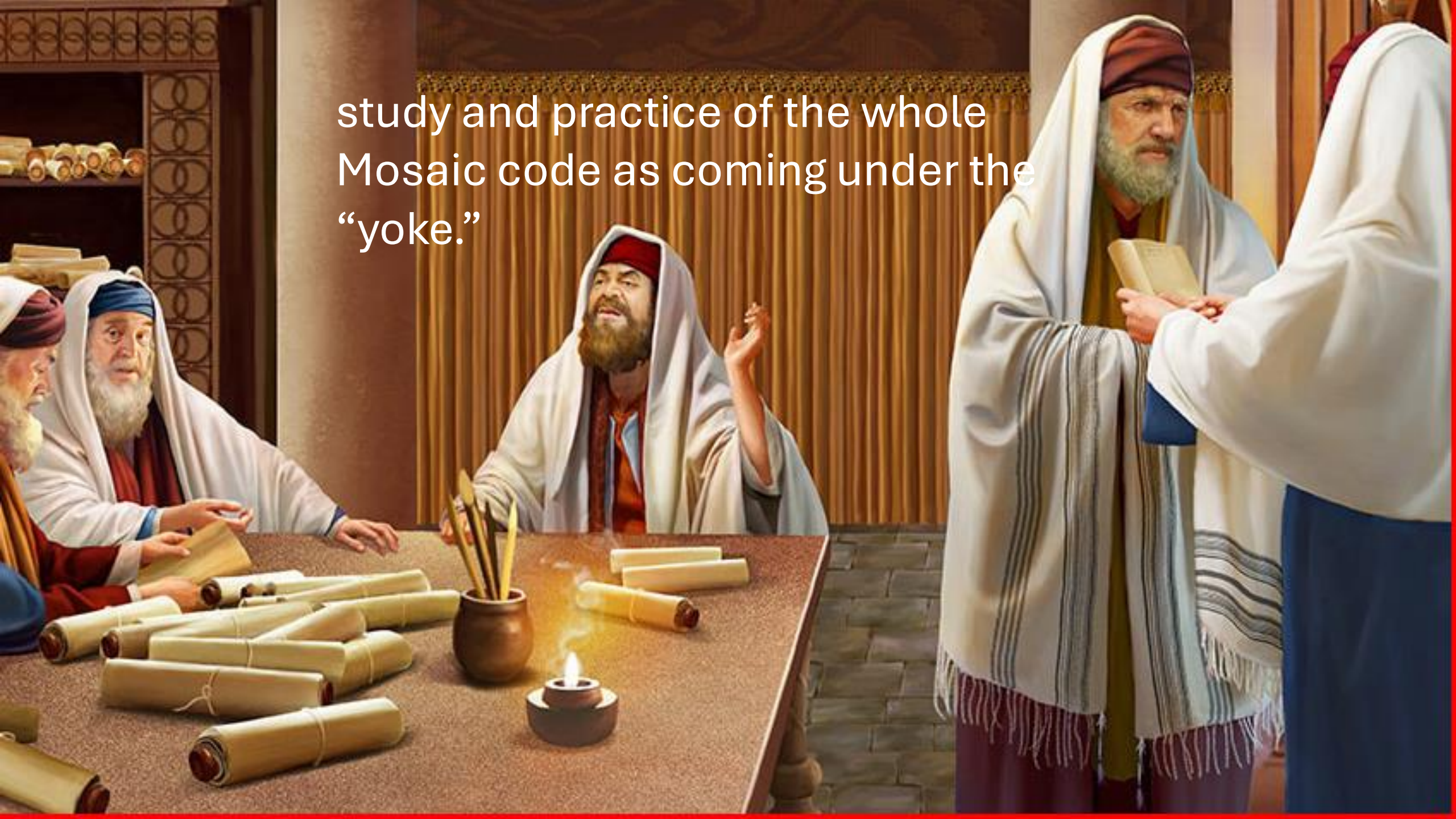
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COUNTERING THE JUDAISERS



study and practice of the whole
Mosaic code as coming under the
“yoke.”



Mosaic Law





Galatians 3:2-3 (ESV) 2 Let me ask you only this:
Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or
by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish?
Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being
perfected by the flesh?

Athletic metaphorstarted out well and promising



Faith – Spirit
empowered

Human effort

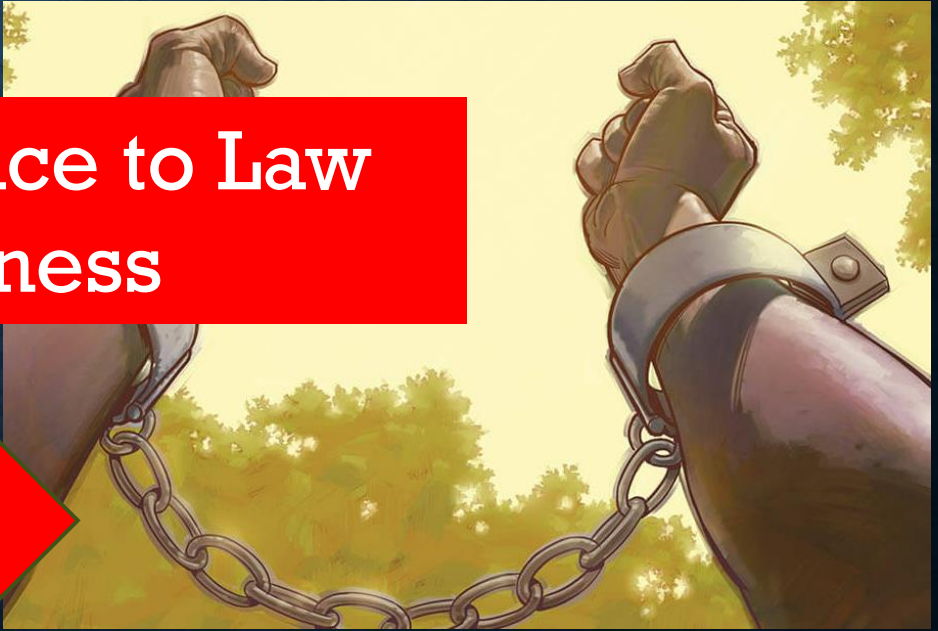


Works and human
effort



Human Compliance to Law
to gain righteousness

Slavery



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A group of medieval soldiers in chainmail and surcoats stand on a stone battlement, holding long spears with silver tips. They are looking out over a green landscape with distant hills and a small town under a clear blue sky.

Fortress called Freedom

of keeping alert, being strong, resisting attack and sticking together

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Circumcision: Treatment, Risks, Benefits, Recovery

SHAR ALAM

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT CIRCUMCISION?



An iceberg floating in a blue ocean under a clear sky. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water, while the much larger, jagged base is submerged below the surface. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue with some wispy clouds.

Circumcision

Law

every man who accepts
circumcision that he is obligated to
keep the whole law

CIRCUMCISION AS A COVENANT SIGN

Genesis 17:13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.

14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."



Our Effort—Slavery— No inheritance

MOSAIC LAW DEFINES THE COVENANT

His Effort—Freedom— Eternal Inheritance

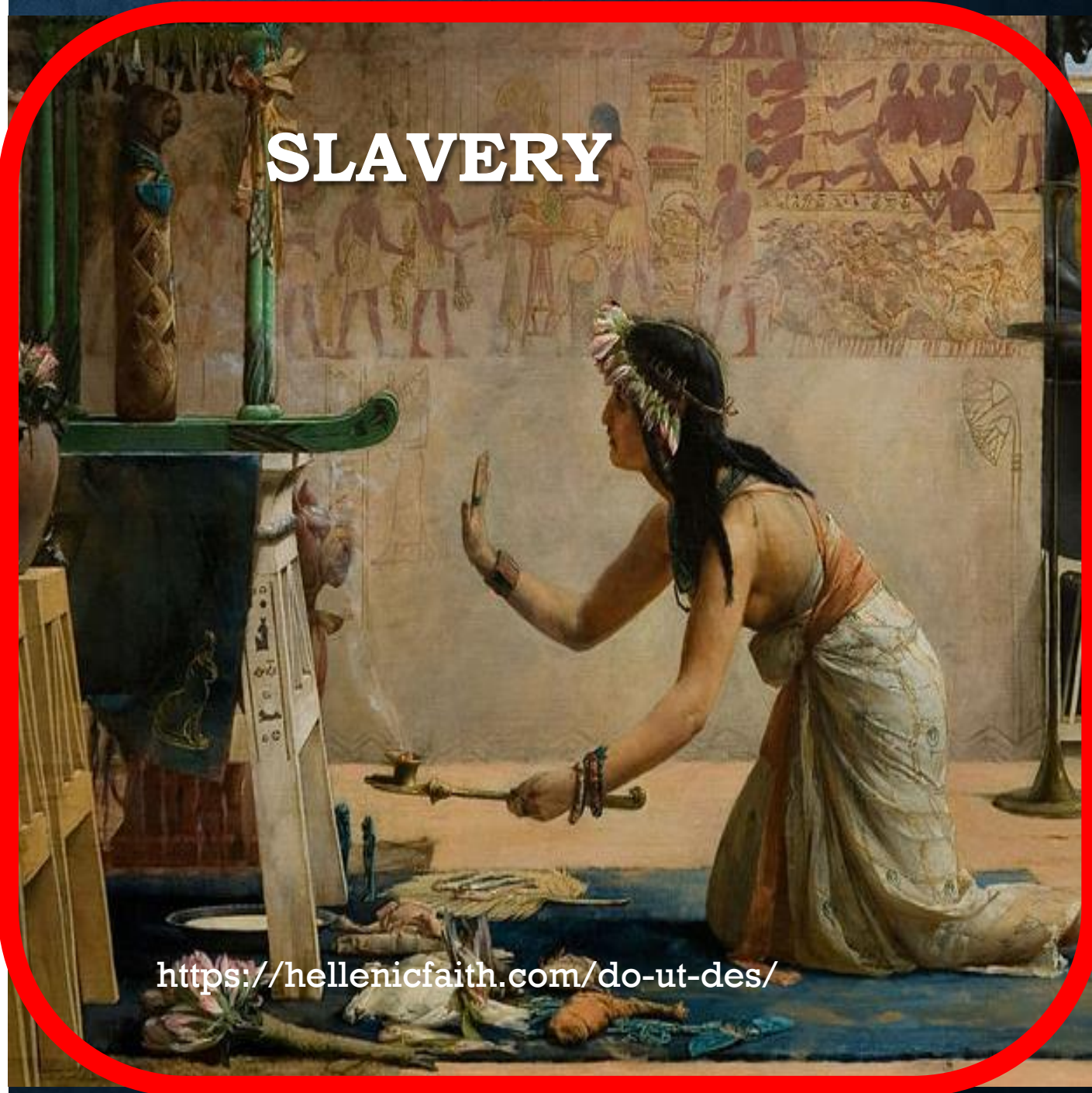
HOLISTIC NATURE OF THE LAW

James 2:10 (ESV) 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

SLAVERY



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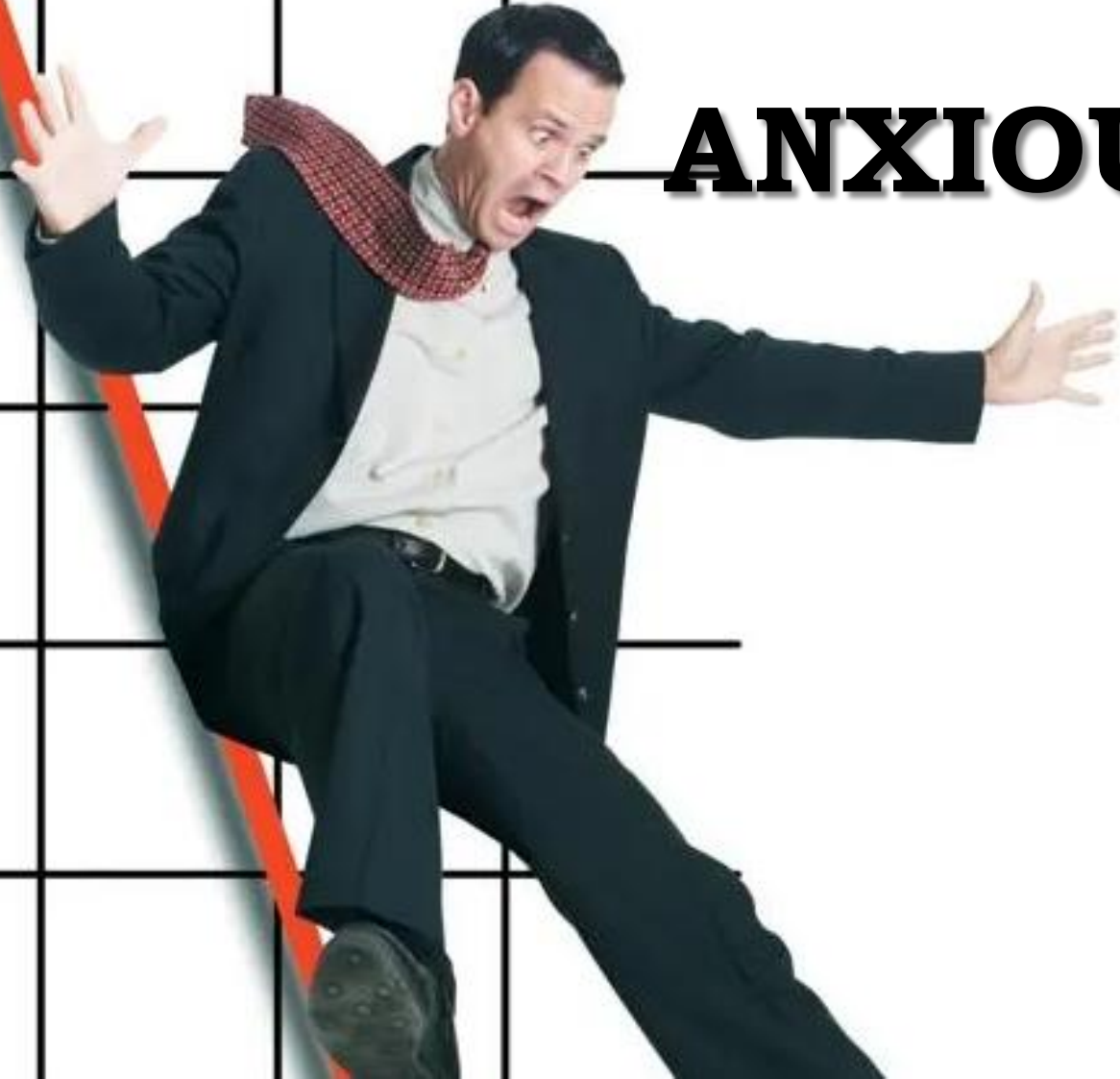
IF WE FAIL

*It will not forgive, but will
“curse” us*

IDOL IS MONEY

**STOCK
MARKET
FALLING**

ANXIOUS



IDOL IS POWER

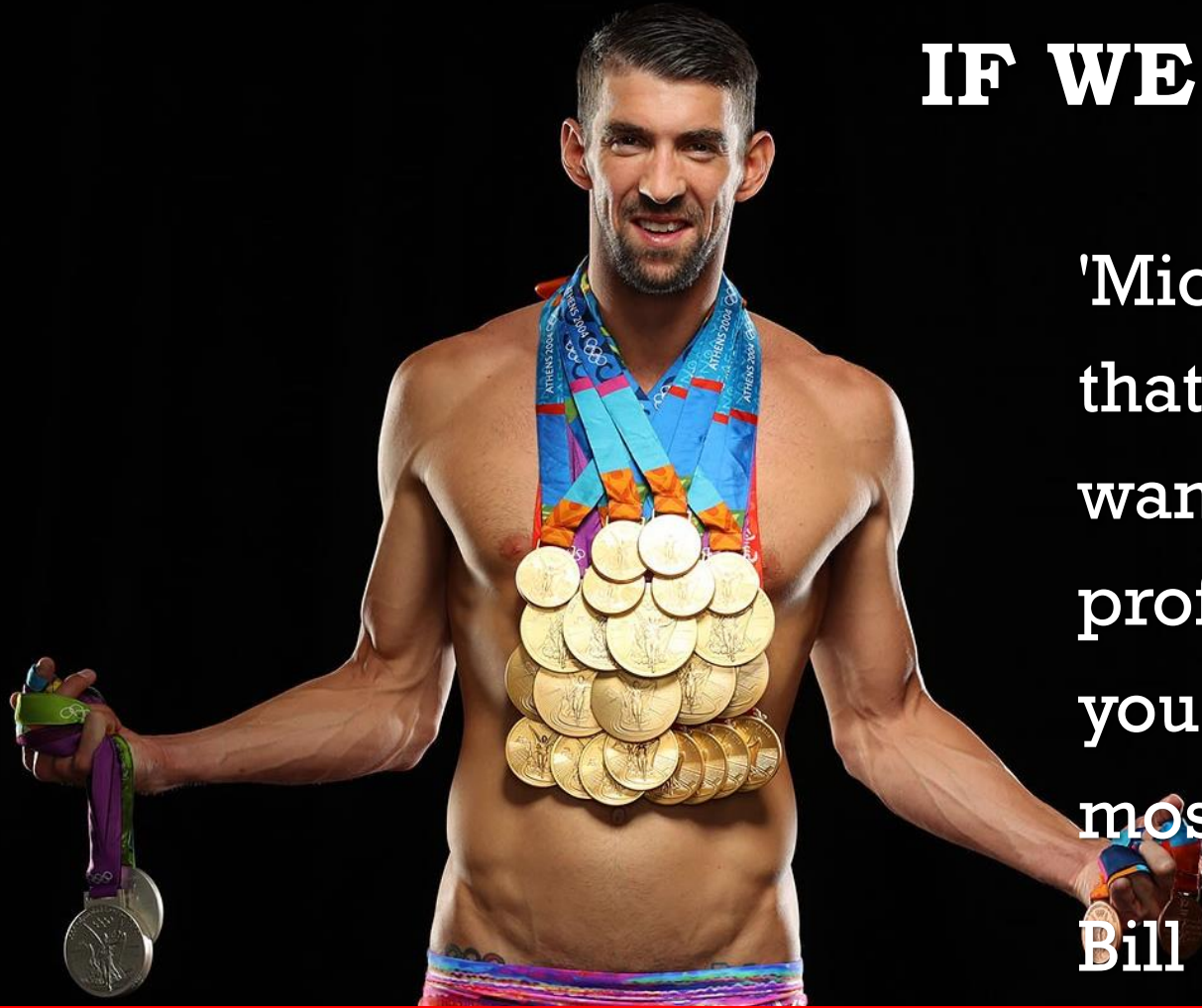
**UNCONTROLLABLY
RESENTFUL**



A man in a white shirt and dark tie is sitting on the floor against a wall, covering his face with his hands in a gesture of despair or self-loathing. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong light source from the left creating a dramatic shadow on the wall behind him. The wall has a rough, textured appearance.

SELF LOATHING

IDOL IS ACHIEVEMENT



IF WE SUCCEEDED!!!

'Michael, you have all the money that anybody your age could ever want or need; you have a profound influence in the world; you have free time - and you're the most miserable person I know.'"

Bill Bowman

**IDOLS ARE WEAK
AND INADEQUATE BECAUSE
THEY ARE NOT GOD**

SAMPLE OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD



An illustration of a Jewish man with a long grey beard, wearing a white kippah and a white tallit with black stripes over a blue garment. He is holding a rolled-up scroll with both hands. The entire illustration is enclosed within a red rounded rectangular border.

Religion
Morality
Ministry
success

A classical painting depicting a woman in a white and orange dress, kneeling on a blue rug. She is holding a small object in her right hand and gesturing with her left. In the background, there is a large mural showing various figures in a domestic or temple setting. The text is overlaid on the right side of the painting.

Work
Money
Family
Achievement

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**“I KNOW GOD FORGIVES
ME, BUT I CAN’T FORGIVE
MYSELF,”**

**IDOL IS MORAL ACHIEVEMENT
OF RELIGION**



Blindness is slavery



MATRIX



you stay in Wonderland, and I show you
how deep the rabbit hole goes

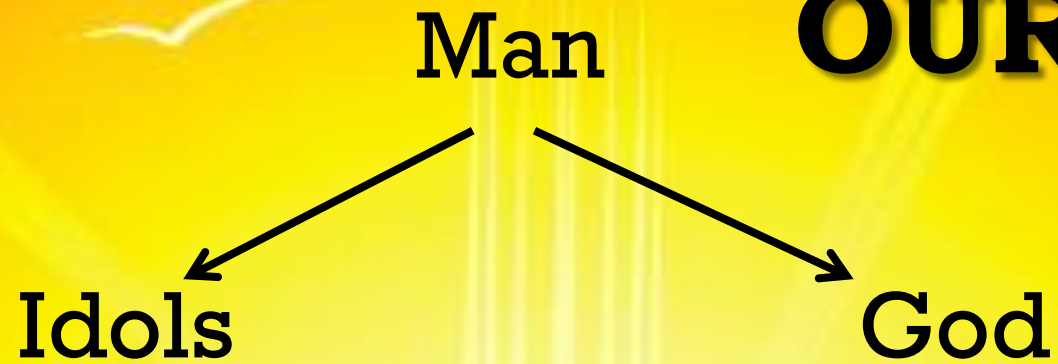


the story ends, you wake up in your bed
and believe whatever you want to believe



Blindness is slavery

OUR BLINDNESS



Freedom = Independence—do what we want

FREEDOM

THE NATURE OF FREEDOM

Isaiah 42:6-7 (ESV) I will give you as a covenant for the people a light for the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

TRUE FREEDOM



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WHAT TRUE FREEDOM LOOKS LIKE SPIRIT ENABLED FAITH

Galatians 5:5 (ESV) For through the Spirit,
by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the
hope of righteousness.

The reality of faith is that it changes our hopes
Righteousness becomes our goal and reality
We are released from our idols
We make visible our invisible reality in Christ
Our spirits are allowed to soar

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE SPIRIT IS WORKING IN YOU

Miraculous gifts, fervour

Godly living and desire to be like Him





Joni Eareckson

You know a lot of people assume—me being a quadriplegic for 45 years—they'll assume that I am most looking forward to getting a new body in heaven, and surely I am. It's going to be a great thing to be relieved of pain...and to be able to walk again, run, jump, dance, kick. But I think what I'm most looking forward to is getting a new heart—a heart free of sin, worry, fear, doubt, anxiety.”

MY PERFORMANCE DOES NOT MATTER

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uncircumcision counts for anything,

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OUTWARD CEREMONIAL FORMS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

HOW
THE WORLD
KNOWS WHO
REPRESENTS
JESUS



ersnip

WHY RELIGION CANNOT WORK



Performance based



Selfish and Insecure




No character change

Self Donation



Cannot produce
love

A man and a woman are seated in an airplane cabin, looking out the window. The man, on the left, is wearing a light-colored sweater and has his hand near his face in a contemplative pose. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light pink shirt and a floral scarf, also looking out the window with a thoughtful expression. The airplane interior, including the window and seat, is visible in the background.

**What good I
Whole life
have done?
flash across
your mind?**

**What Christ
has done?**

FAITH EXPRESSES ITSELF THROUGH LOVE

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WE ARE SAVED BY CHRIST THROUGH FAITH

Christ

Faith



THE PLACE OF FAITH

Faith



SPEAKING OUT IN FAITH

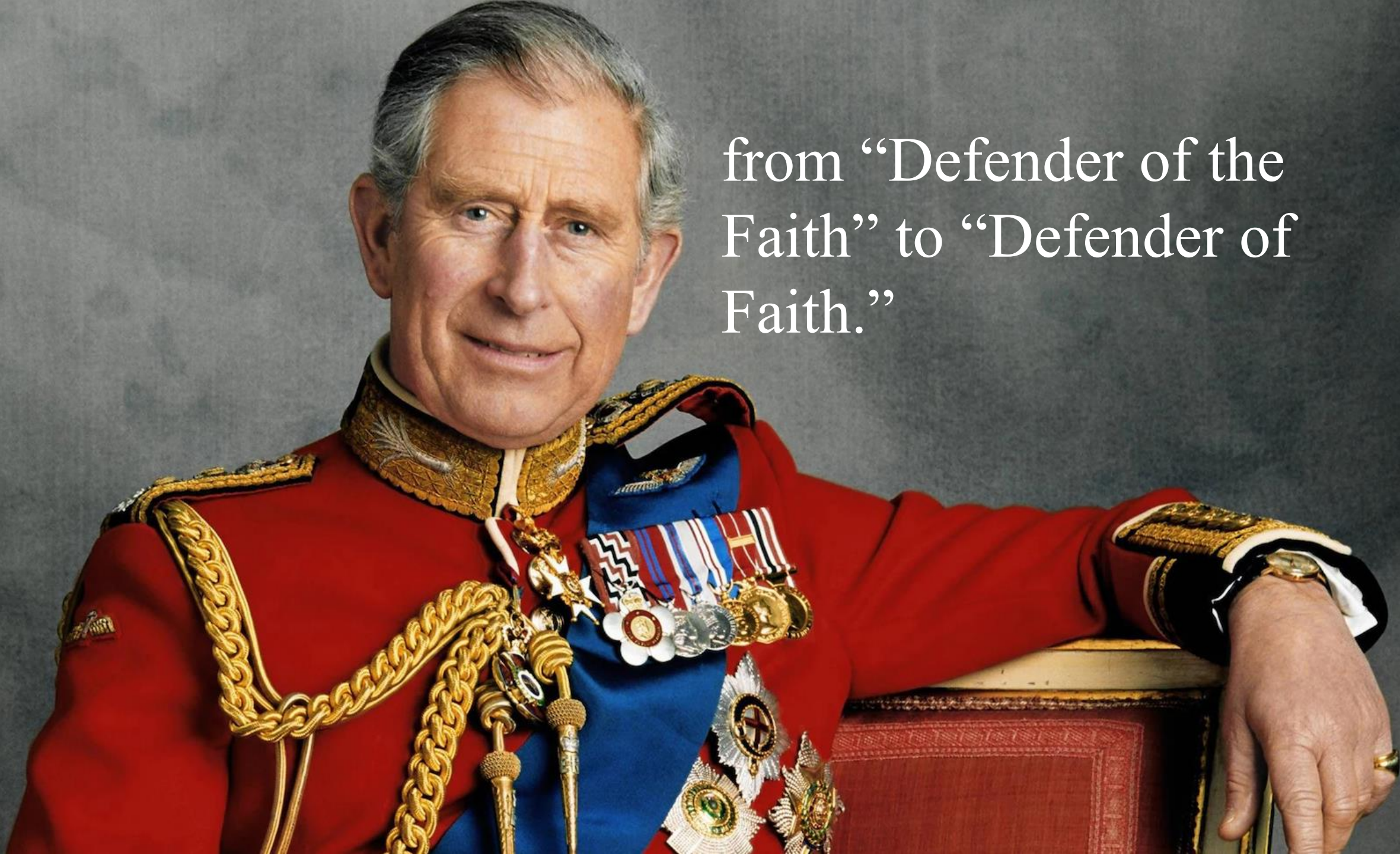
Joseph.
prince
ministries

WORD OF FAITH AS AN
INDEPENDANT POWER

If there is a sickness in our body, we can call forth our healing by saying, "Thank You, Jesus, by Your stripes I am healed!" Start speaking forth your protection, your health, and your victory today!



from “Defender of the
Faith” to “Defender of
Faith.”



WHAT IS FAITH

Knowledge

The Gospel of Jesus

Acknowledgement that the
gospel is true

The life built on gospel

Assent

FAITH

Trust

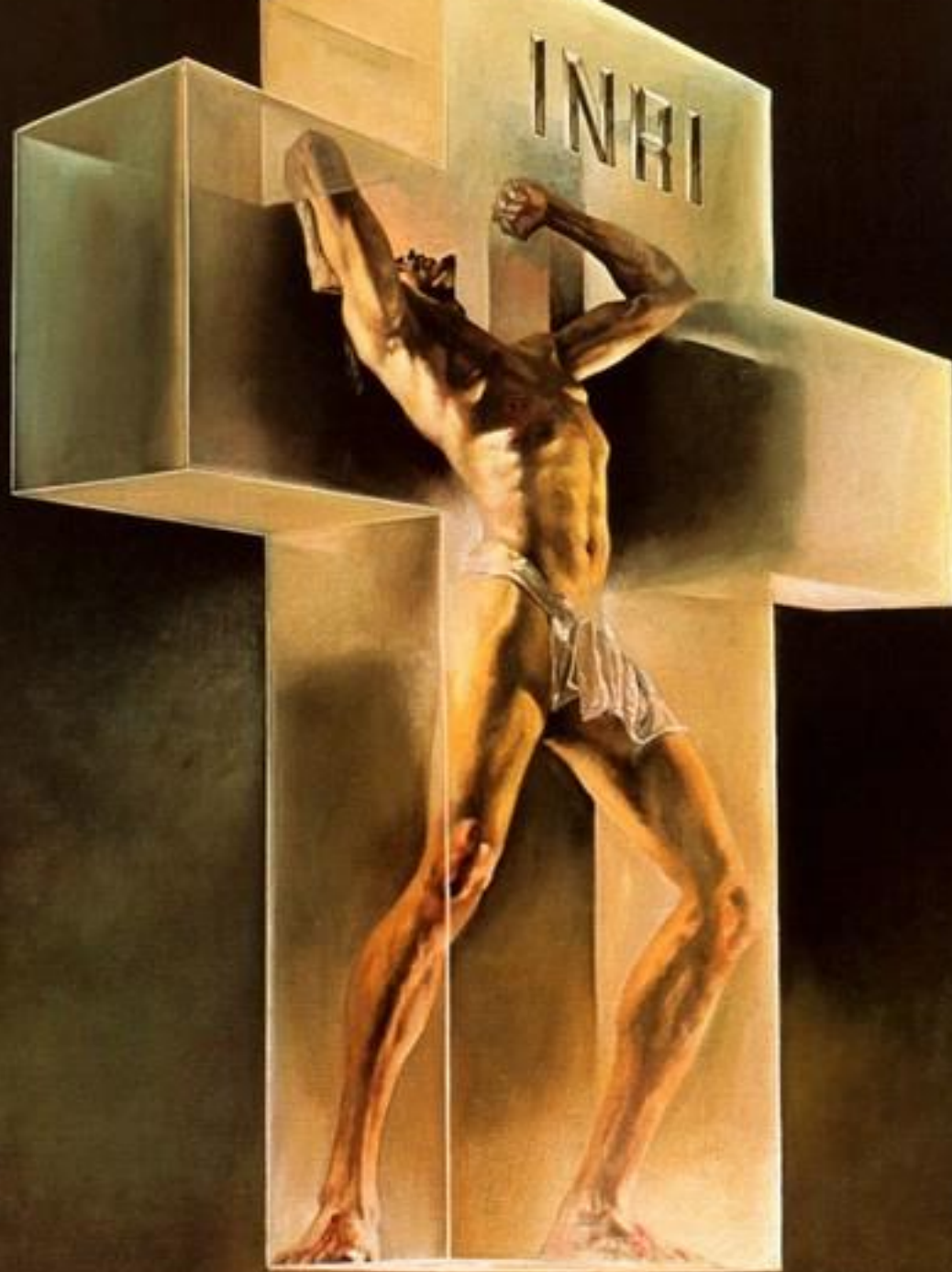




TRUST

FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.



TRUST

Christ not only died and
was raised, but he was
crucified and rose
again *for me*.

TRUST CHANGES THE WAY WE LIVE

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the
Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

FAITH EXPRESSES ITSELF THROUGH LOVE

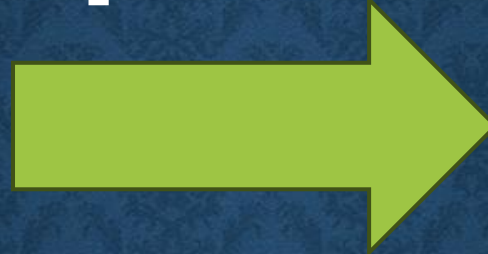
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FAITH AND LOVE

Protestant position—Sola Fides

Faith



Love

Roman Catholic position—*fides caritate formata*,
Faith formed by love

Love

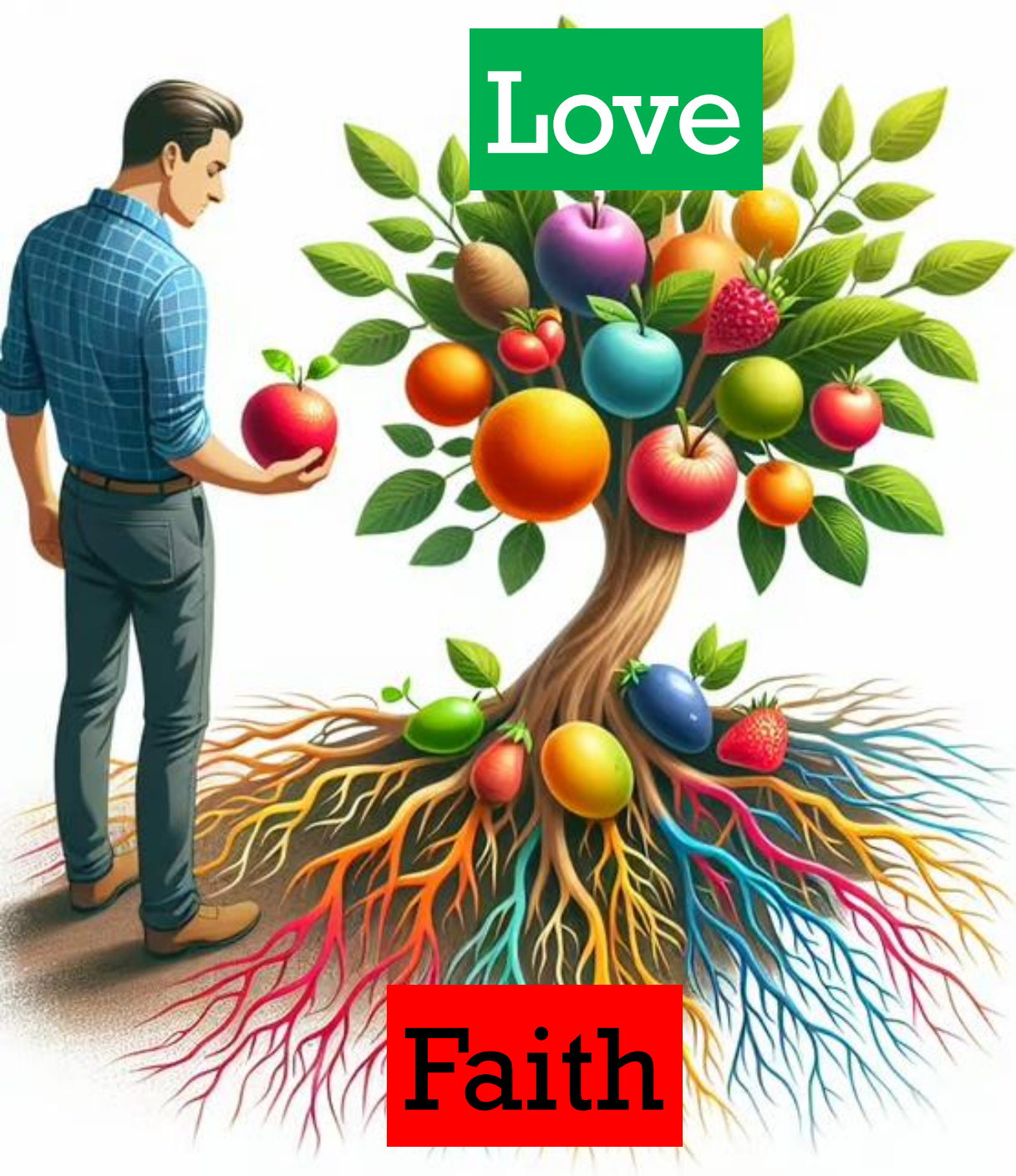


Faith

Faith must be "formed" or perfected by love, meaning it should manifest in works of love and charity.



but only if faith works in light enough to love.



Love

Faith

Galatians 5:21-23 (ESV)
. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

SOLA FIDES

Romans 3:28 (ESV) 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law

JUSTIFIED



Faith

response

Love

Evidence or
fruit of true
faith

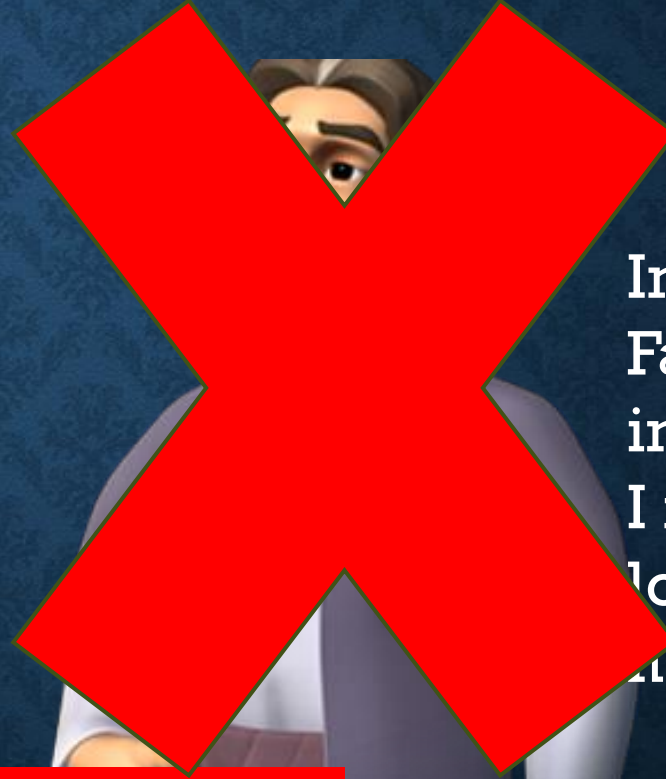
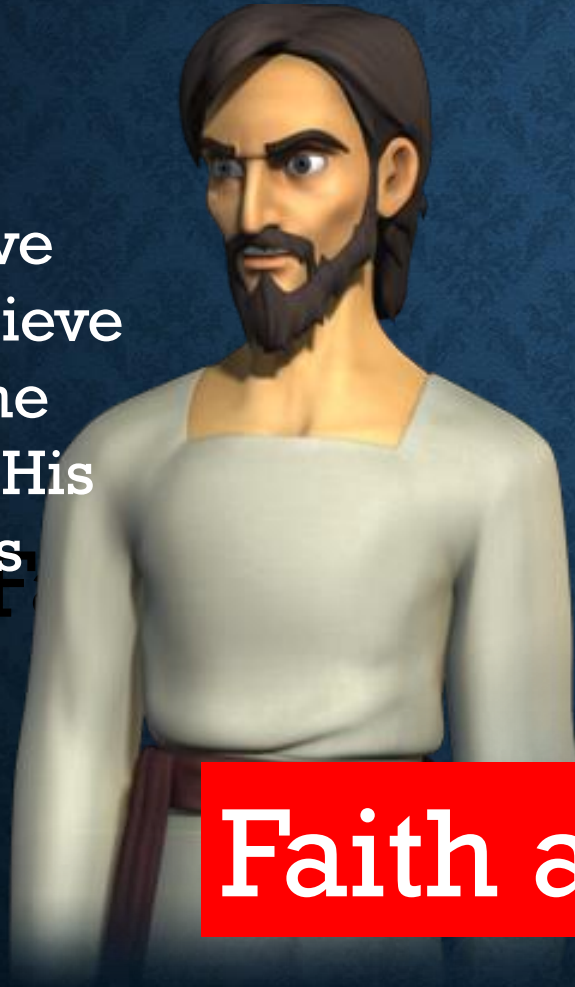
~~JUSTIFIED~~ ~~SAVED~~
~~INSUFFICIENT~~



Works of Love
and Charity

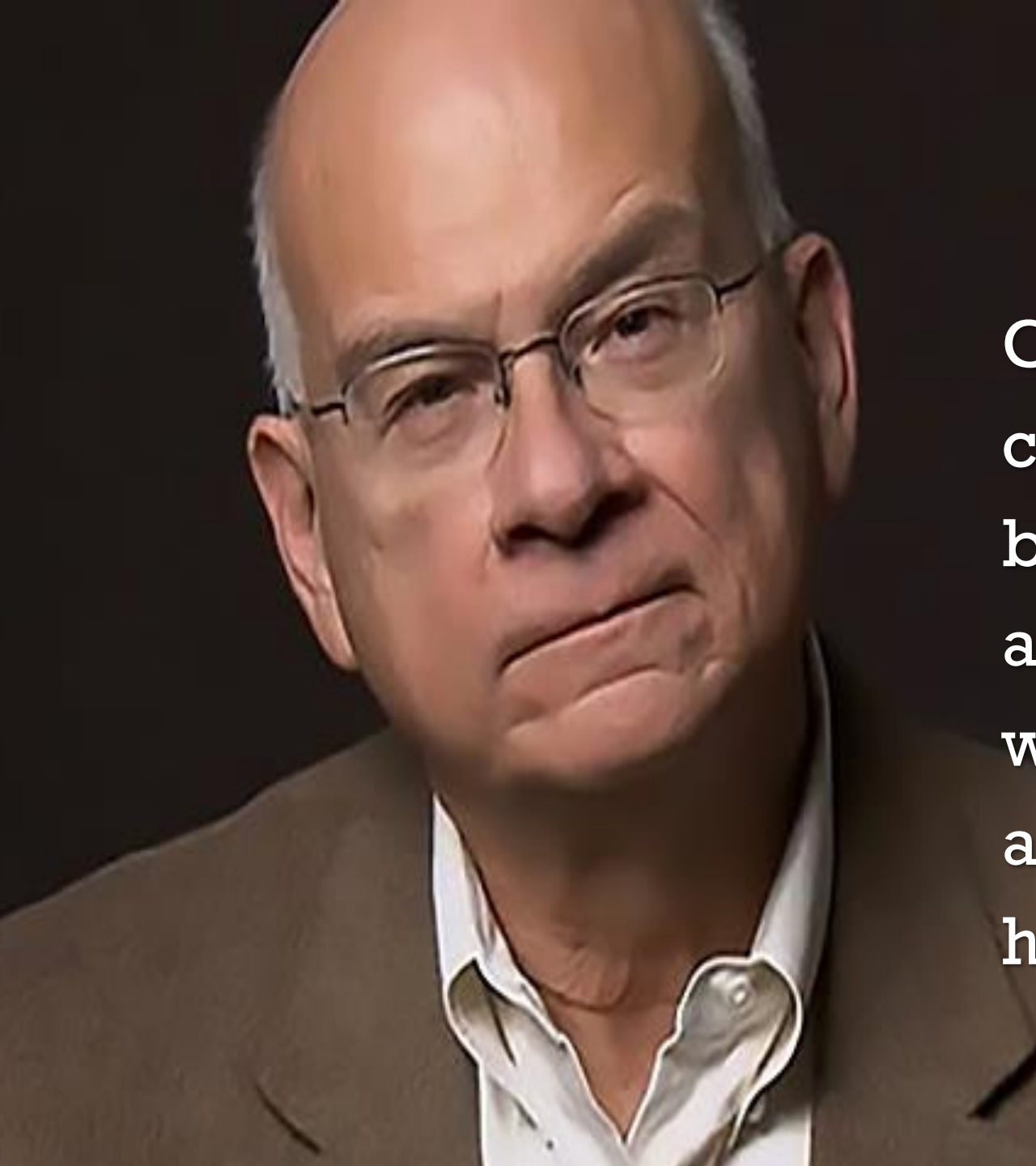
EXTERNALLY -WHAT YOU CAN SEE

Internal motive
Because I believe
He died for me
and gave me His
righteousness



Internal motive
Faith alone is
insufficient
I must do works of
love as well to
have true faith

Faith and Love



TIM KELLER

Gospel faith produces a certainty that we are holy and beautiful. The more conscious we are of this certainty, the less we will be subject to ups and downs and the more we will find our hearts melted with love.”

WHY FAITH ALONE WORKS (SOLA FIDE)



Faith



certainty of
our righteousness



Faith energizes love
Love in reciprocation



The fathers welcome



No ups and downs
based on performance

EXPRESSION OF FAITH IS LOVE

- 1 Corinthians 13:2 (ESV) and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- James 2:17 (ESV) 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

WHOM YOU BELIEVE AND HOW YOU
IT IS NOT WHAT YOU DO
ARE RESPONDING TO HIM

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through love.

IF WE BELIEVE (FAITH)



1 John 4:11 (ESV) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



**OUR RESPONSE TO BELIEF IN HIS LOVE
NOT AN ADDITIONAL INGREDIENT TO FAITH**

A person in a brown robe is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. In the distance, a figure in a white robe is walking towards the horizon. The sky is filled with clouds and a bright sun is setting or rising, creating a warm, golden glow. The person in the brown robe is leaving footprints in the sand.

TRUE FREEDOM

**FREEDOM TO RESPOND
TO WHOM WE BELIEVE**